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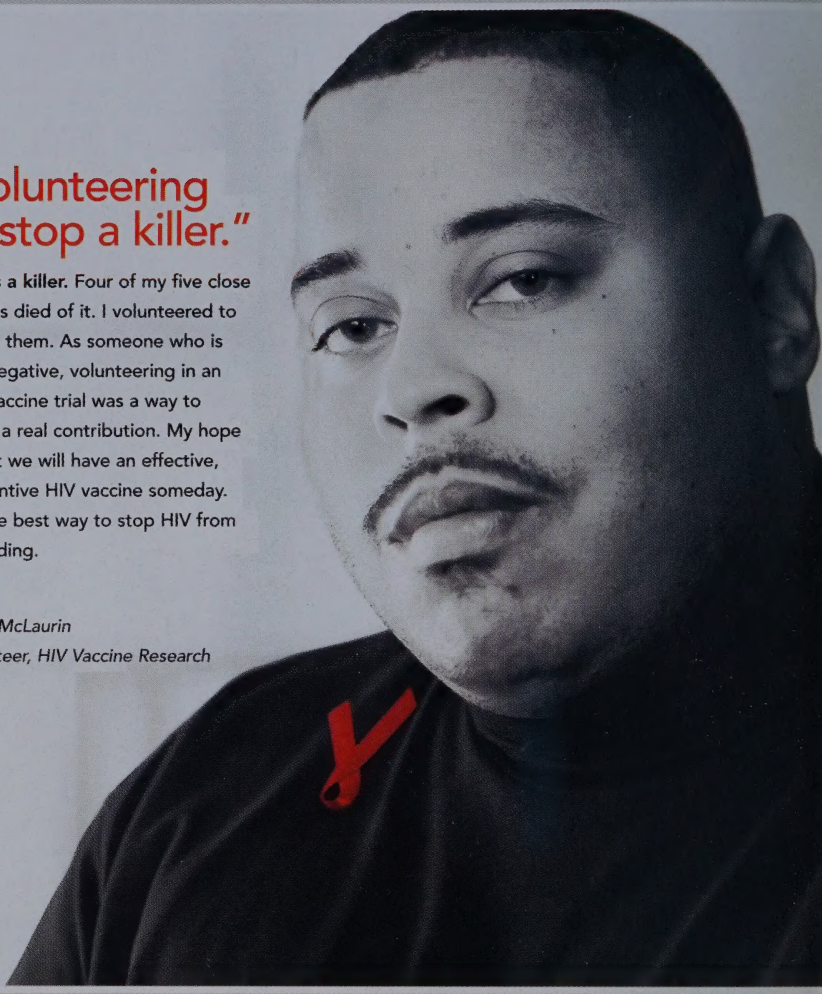

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Mark McLaurin
Volunteer, HIV Vaccine Research

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Black Gay and Lesbian Pride is more than an event, more than a party, more than a workshop or poetry slam. Black Pride is more than a time of year somewhere between spring and summer. Pride is what we carry within, all of the time.

Regardless of what the powers that be may say, we have the right to love. We have the right to be whoever we feel we need to be. There should be no cause for us to fit into neat little boxes for the comfort of another human being. We are diversity. We are special. We are humanity.

Just like many before us—those who didn't fall into the category of the norm—we are going to have to fight. We are going to have to struggle and sacrifice to finally be free, and it is at these gatherings that we gain our strength. It is at these gatherings that we teach, learn and grow, readying ourselves for the battle ahead. We live in a society where we sometimes feel the need to be invisible, but in Pride, we come together, evident, in Unity.

The ***BLACK PRIDE RESOURCE GUIDE*** urges you to continue to participate, volunteer and visit new cities. We are one, together, in Pride.

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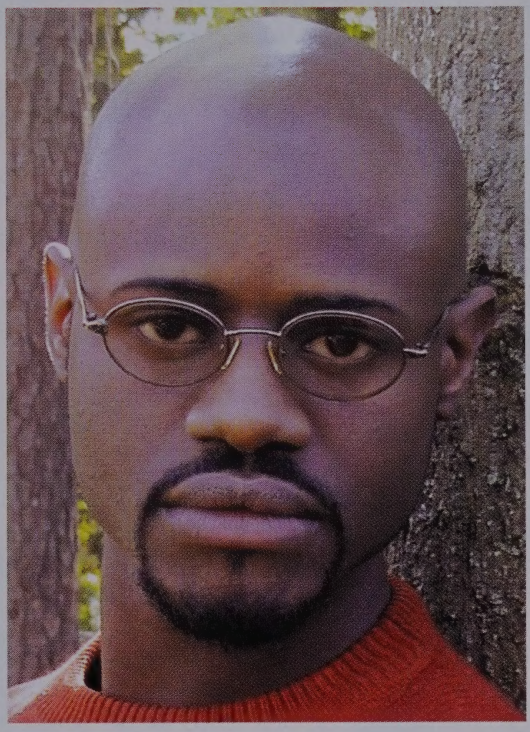
LGBT people and people with HIV face harassment and discrimination in the workplace every day. Just ask Kevin Dunbar.



As salesclerk at Foot Locker, Dunbar was harassed at two different stores before being fired because he's gay. Lambda Legal sued, winning a victory for Dunbar and showing employers across the nation that antigay discrimination will not be tolerated.

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Loungin': Tim'm T. West and Lisa C. Moor get inspired at Akwaaba, a literary-theme bed and breakfast in Washington, DC

Photo: Bernard Morisse

PEOPLE TO WATCH

The BPRG has selected eight exceptional members of the LGBT community as the people to watch in the months to come. Look out for their great work!

Tim'm T. West, an Arkansas-raised author, poet and rapper/activist, has followed his popular poetic memoir, *Red Dirt Revival*, with an autobiographical music CD. *Songs from Red Dirt* traces West's roots from a young child in rural Arkansas to his adult years in New York City and the Bay Area. The CD is an amalgamation of hip hop, house, R&B, rap and spoken word. West, who describes himself as an artist who "chooses not to choose genres," wanted to create an album that truly captured the mood and feel of the sounds that inspired him throughout his life. "The album is the culmination of what happened when Arkansas front porch blues and gospel found voice in the hip hop and house scenes I discovered," he says. "It's the melodic movement from being a small-town boy to cosmopolitan Renaissance man. It's what happens when you open your heart to change but remember your roots." The 19-track album was written almost entirely by West and gives the listener a unique look at the life of the artist. West performs nationally and makes his home in Washington, DC.

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Lisa C. Moore is the founder and editor of RedBone Press, which publishes work that celebrates the culture of black lesbians and gay men and further promotes understanding between black gays and lesbians and the black mainstream. RedBone's first book, *does your mama know? An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories*, won two Lambda Literary Awards. The second title, *the bull-jean stories* by Sharon Bridgforth, is also a Lammy winner, and is available in print and audio CD. Three more titles were released in late 2004: *love conjure/ blues*, a performance novel by Sharon Bridgforth; and *last rights* and *nothin' ugly fly*, both books of poetry by Marvin K. White. Forthcoming is *Where the Apple Falls*, poetry by Samiya Bashir (April 2005) and *Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity* (Summer 2005). Moore is in production for "Sassy B. Gonn: Searching for Black Lesbian Elders," a video documentary. She was lead organizer for Fire & Ink, a writers festival for GLBT writers of African descent, held in Chicago in 2002; the next Fire & Ink is scheduled for Oct. 6-9, 2005 at the University of Texas at Austin. Moore is the editor of *Lambda Book Report*; she lives and works in Washington, DC.

Jonathan Perry is not your ordinary college student. He is the only black, openly gay, HIV+ activist at a historically black college. Perry has organized forums on race and sexual orientation, and has founded Johnson C. Smith University's first LGBT organization. A native of Goldsboro, NC, Perry contracted HIV in 2000. Getting involved in HIV education programs on campus helped bring him out of the depression that almost took his life. Perry's activism has been profiled by CNN.com, *POZ Magazine* and *The New York Times*, which led him to an appearance on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*'s "Men Living on the Down Low" episode; he was later featured on BET's Open Mic and BET.com.

Singer/songwriter and part-time activist, ***Doria Roberts*** has committed herself to inspiring compassion, social action and change through her music and various projects. She has been influenced by Nina Simone, Odetta, Janis Ian, Billie Holiday and John Lennon. Often her stage becomes a forum—a space not only to entertain, but to inform. Roberts creates songs best described as a delicious, bohemian blend of urban blues/rock, Afro-hippie agit-folk. Roberts' versatility as a songwriter and entertainer is never lost, whether she is performing solo or with her band. Roberts is based in Atlanta, GA.

www.doriaroberts.com

Keith Boykin is a brother seriously on the move. The former White House aide appeared on the Showtime reality series *American Candidate* and has been recently featured on the covers of *A&U*, *Out* and *The Advocate* magazines, and was selected as one of *Out Magazine*'s 100 most intriguing people of 2004. He has also been featured or quoted in articles in *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *USA Today* and *JET Magazine*. Boykin is currently touring the country to promote his best-selling release *Beyond the Down Low*. Boykin is the founder of the National Black Justice Coalition, an organization fighting for gay and lesbian rights.

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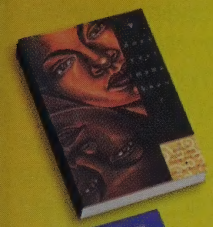

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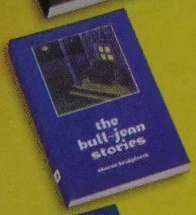

"***the bull-jean stories*** [by Sharon Bridgforth] are a passionate tribute to a fierce woman-loving woman."–*Shay Youngblood*

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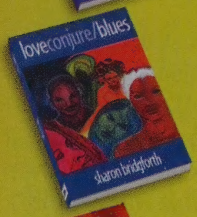

Bridgforth's ***love conjure/blues*** is "more than a novel, not entirely a stage performance, soulful prose infused with impassioned poetry, best read aloud or at least whispered in the mind." –*Richard Labonte*

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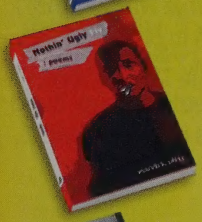

Marvin K. White's "attention to detail and craft, humor and a genuine love for people–especially other black gay men–sings through every line of [***nothin' ugly fly***]."
–*Reginald Harris*

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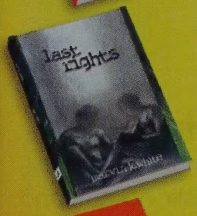

"***last rights*** [by Marvin K. White] is a powerful passionate collection of verse that explores the essence of what it means to be black and gay."–*Venus Magazine*

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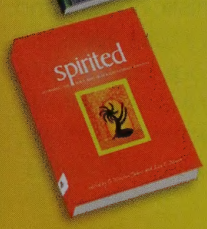

Spirited*: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity*, a collection of essays, centers on the relationships between spirituality, religion and self-acceptance. Edited by G. Winston James and Lisa C. Moore

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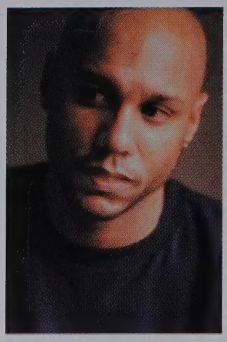
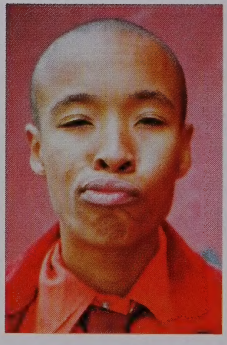


Alphonso Morgan is a present-day renaissance man. This native of Waterloo, Iowa has traveled to Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, France, Belgium, Uruguay, Mexico, Japan and Cuba to study language and culture. Morgan attended Howard University and Georgetown Law and later worked as an entertainment attorney and producer of music videos for such artists as Toni Braxton and Usher. He is currently touring the country in support of his first novel, the critically acclaimed *Sons,* published in the fall of 2004.

www.alphonsomorgan.com

ButtaFlySouL, poet/spoken word artist, host, vocalist, actor and director, is one entertainer to watch. A Chicago native now living in New York City, Butta has appeared on Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam and has hosted many poetry slams, including last year's slam at DC Black Pride; sings gospel, R&B and jazz (he's currently featured on the dance single, "Trouble Man Remix"); and acts and directs at Nuyorican Poets Café in New York City. Look for ButtaFlySouL's stage play, "What My Father Doesn't Know," developed with SmokinWordshop Theater Group. Butta is committed to educating African Americans about HIV/AIDS.

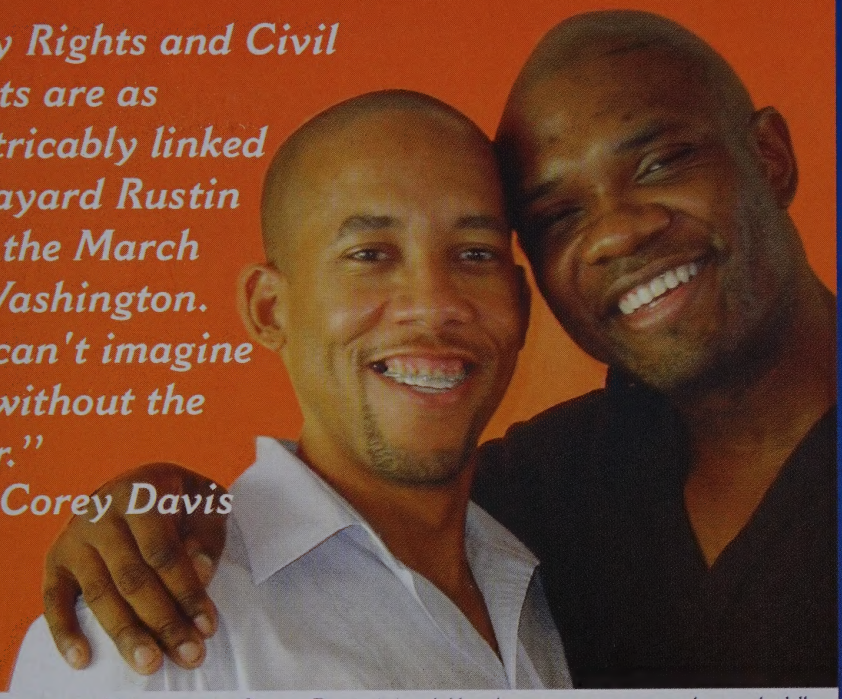
www.buttaflysoul.com



In a parallel universe, Grace Jones had a baby with Mos Def, nurtured the child on a diet of hip hop, house and soul, raised her in a home absent of gender or artistic no-no's and released her into the galaxy. She chose to make Earth her home. Her name is ***Hanifah Walidah***. Look out for Walidah's highly anticipated release *Once Upon It Is*—a soul-stirring project strongly influenced by the characters and stories from her one-woman, multicharacter play *Black Folks Guide to Black Folks.*

www.trustlife.net

"Gay Rights and Civil Rights are as inextricably linked as Bayard Rustin is to the March on Washington. You can't imagine one without the other."
— Corey Davis



Andre Lejeune and his partner Corey Davis joined 11 other same-sex couples to boldly challenge the State of California for the right to marry. NCLR is representing these couples in *Woo v. Lockyer*, a landmark lawsuit seeking to overturn California's discriminatory marriage laws.

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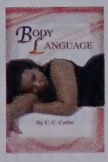

In Lammy finalist, "Body Language" award-winning performance poet, C.C. Carter heats it up as her spoken, fluid words move flawlessly from the stages to the pages with spiced femme power and raw sexual energy served steaming from her black and Latina roots.

BLACK PRIDES: AN AFFIRMING TRADITION

by Clarence J, Fluker, Vice President, D.C. Black Pride

Fifteen years ago I was a 10-year-old Black boy in Cleveland, Ohio, wondering why I liked other Black boys. I was gravely concerned that something was wrong with me—that I was gay. I was young, and had no one to talk to. I thought I was alone. Little did I know that—just a few states away—there were hundreds of men and women in Washington, D.C. preparing, for the first time, to celebrate being both Black and gay while also raising money for local organizations fighting to end the spread of HIV/AIDS in their community. That celebration would be the first Black Pride.

So much has changed since 1990. Thousands of people now attend Black Pride in DC annually, and there are nearly thirty Black Prides occurring in cities throughout the United States. But the biggest change is personal: I'm not 10 years old anymore—I'm 25 and I know that I am not alone. In May 1999 I stepped onto Banneker Field in Washington, D.C., and for the first time I was surrounded by thousands of people who were just like me. That experience assured me that I would never feel alone again.

Black Prides are special places where lives can be transformed if we allow them to be. They are created for us to celebrate us in a world that doesn't often recognize us. These events, whether large or small, offer opportunities to connect with brothers and sisters in safe, shared spaces to talk, share, grow and celebrate our unique identity. This summer enjoy the true spirit of Black Pride. Affirm or reaffirm that you are not alone. Pull from and tap into the strength of our numbers. Continue a proud tradition so that it may live on. There is a 10-year-old somewhere counting on you.

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Friday, April 22

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5:00pm to 8:00pm
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Sunday, April 24

Spiritual Brunch
9:30am to 12:00pm
Philadelphia Ballroom North
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Thursday, May 5

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10:00pm – 3:00am
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Strip Down -N- H-Town
Club Inergy
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Friday, May 6

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5:00pm – 9:00pm

Independance Vol. 10
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10:00pm – 4:00am
DJ Sedrick (DC) & DJ Chris (LA)

Revolution Ball Vol. 2 "Ball or Fall"
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Saturday, May 7

Family Day at Celebration Station
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Wet Dreams Pool Party
Chancellor's Ballroom
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3:00pm – 7:00pm

Urban Lounge Vol. 2
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5:00pm – 9:00pm

Collabo Vol. 1
Club Bartini
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10:00pm – 3:00am

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Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel
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10pm – 4:30am

Feminine Fire Vol. 2 HER.4.HER
Club Toyz
5322 Glenmont
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10pm – 4:30am

Sunday, May 8

Island Invasion Beach Party
East Beach
1923 Boddeker Drive
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12:00pm – 6:00pm

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Monday, May 9

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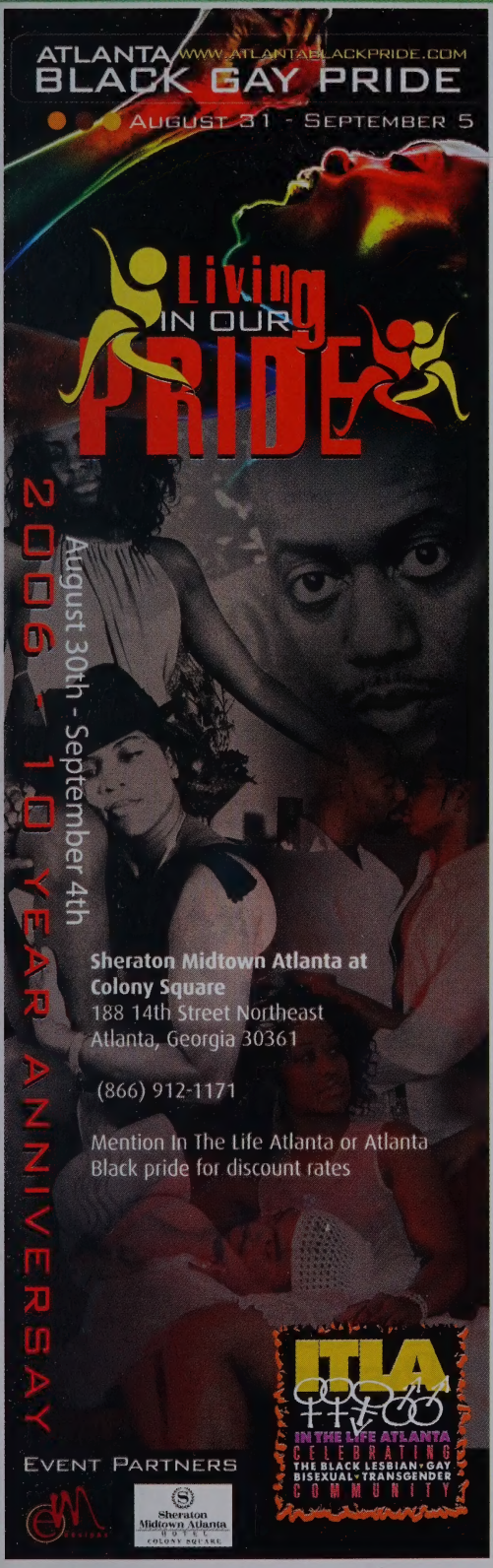
Thursday, May 26

Jump-Off Party
10:30pm - 5:30am



Friday, May 27

Sizzle Hospitality Lounge (Sconer Rm)
Sizzle 2005 Party Central Headquarters. Get information on activities and events all weekend. Check your e-mail in our exclusive Sizzle Cyber Café.
12:30pm - 10:30pm

Welcome Reception
Sizzle Hospitality Lounge (Sconer Rm)
Cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.
7:30pm - 9:30pm

One Mighty Party II
10:30pm - 6:00am

Saturday, May 28

Go See Miami / Ft. Lauderdale / Aventura / Hollywood
Sizzle participants are encouraged to venture out and see the fabulous city of Miami and South Beach.
12:30pm - 4:30pm

One Mighty Luau II / Pool Party
Miami Sheraton (Host Hotel)
4:00pm - 8:00pm

VIP Reception
Sizzle Hospitality Suite - 17th Floor
Miami Sheraton Host Hotel
Private event for VIP Card Holders and Industry guests. Open bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.
10:00pm - 10:30pm

The Jungle Party
10:30pm - 08:00am

Sunday, May 29

Sizzle @Muscle Beach
South Beach between 11th and 12th Street
4:00pm - 8:00pm

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Arabian Nights Party
10:30pm - 8:00am

Monday, May 30

Beach Patrol
Hallover Beach Event
12:30pm - 7:00pm

Sizzling Finale Party
10:30pm - 4:00am

WASHINGTON, DC

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May 26 - 30, 2005

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Host Hotel
Wyndham City Center
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Washington, DC 20037
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Friday, May 26

DC Black Pride Opening Reception
Wyndham City Center
Host Hotel
6:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, May 27

Wellness Festival and Workshops
Wyndham City Center Hotel
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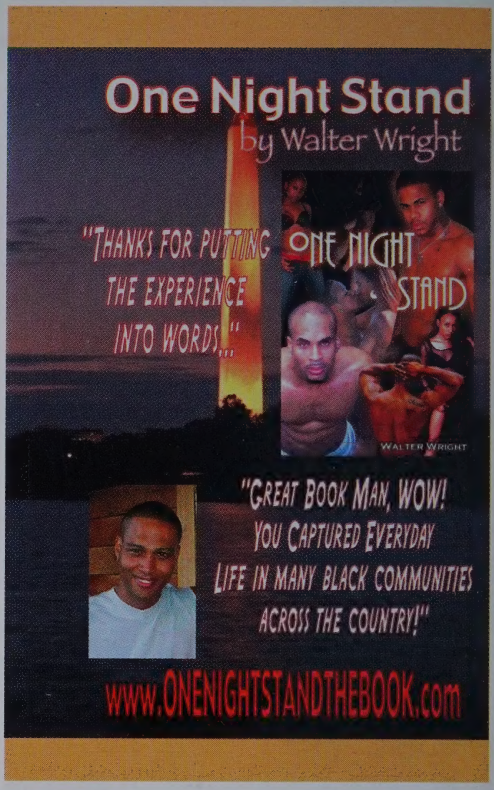
10:00am - 5:00pm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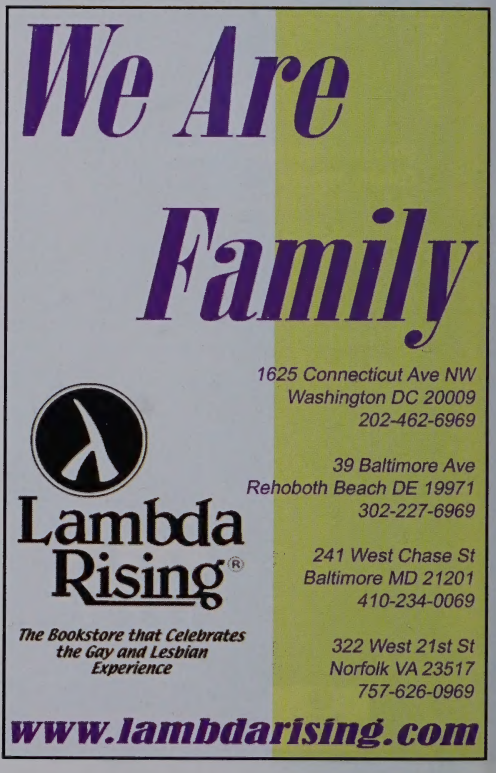

DC Black Pride and One in Ten Film Festival
Wyndham City Center Hotel
Host Hotel
12:00pm - 5:00pm

DC Black Pride Spoken Word Slam
Wyndham City Center Hotel
Host Hotel
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Sunday, May 28

Interfaith Service
Wyndham City Center Hotel
Host Hotel
9:00am - 11:00am

DC Black Pride Expo 2005
New Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Place - 7th near New York Ave.
12:00pm - 7:00pm

Monday, May 30

DC Black Pride and Daryl Wilson present
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June 8 - 12, 2005

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June 17 - 19, 2005

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June 19 - 26

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June 30 - July 3, 2005

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Sunday, July 3

Pool Party

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CHARLOTTE BLACK PRIDE
July 15 -17, 2005

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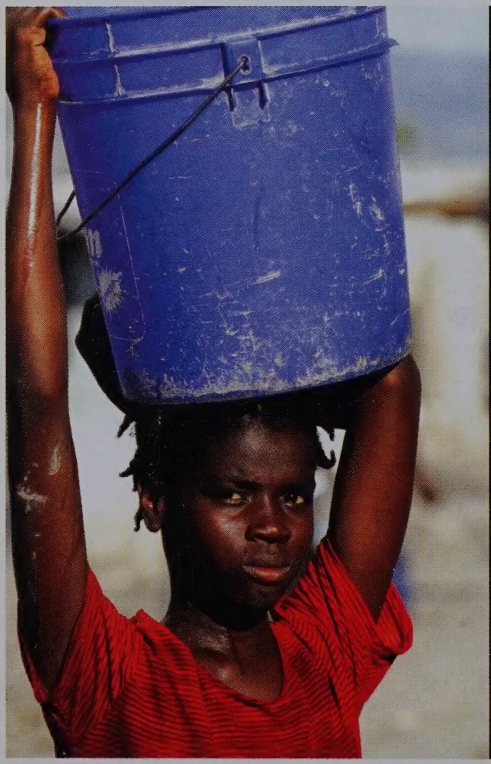
Friday, July 15

Pre-show reception
Lesbian & Gay Community Center
1401 Central Ave.



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I-85 North, Graham Street exit
10:00pm - Until

Saturday, July 16

Lesbian & Gay Community Center
Pride Expo
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10:00am -6:00pm

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I-85 North, Graham Street exit
10:00pm - Until

Sunday, July 17

Gospel Lunch at United Fellowship Church Charlotte
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1 p.m. church service with Rev. Tonyia Rawls; luncheon follows service.

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July 27 - 31, 2005

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Wednesday, July 27

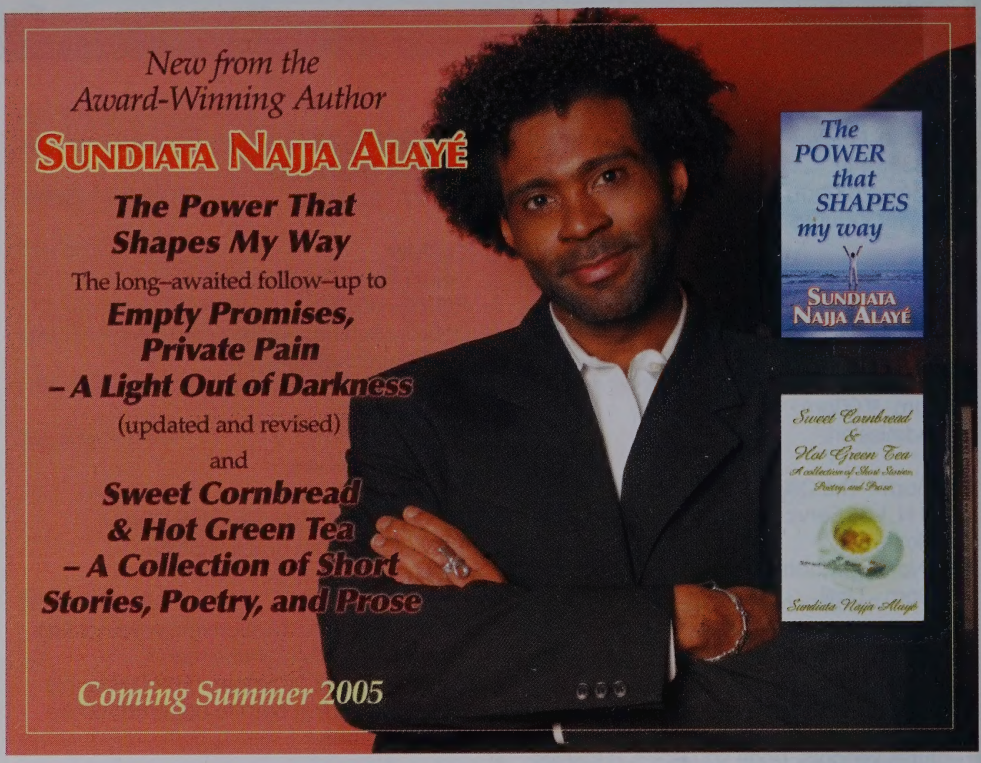
Opening Reception
Celebrate the opening of Detroit's 10th annual black, same-gender-loving pride celebration. Featuring special guests, entertainment and refreshments. Time/Location TBA

Thursday, July 28

Spiritual Candlelight Vigil
Each year our community gathers around the Blue Spruce Memorial. The Blue Spruce was planted as a memorial for those in our community who have made their transition due to AIDS/HIV and breast cancer. The free outdoor event serves as the official opening of Detroit's Hotter Than July celebration. Join HTJ as we honor our ancestors.
Palmer Park, Detroit, MI
6:00pm

Friday, July 29

Genesis Summit VI - Now Is The Time
Detroit's pride celebration is complemented each year by an educational forum.



Participants are invited to attend workshops and cultural events which are same-gender-loving, people of color focused. Time/ Location TBA

Saturday, July 30

10th Annual Pride Picnic & Festival
Featuring music, entertainment, featured artist, great fun and familar folk. The annual picnic is free, HTJ encourages you to bring your own tents and food. Official vendors will be available distributing information and merchandise. Location TBA.
12:00pm - 7:00pm

Sunday, July 31

Closing Reception
We invite everyone to join us for the official closing event. Featuring special guest, entertainment and artist. Location TBA.

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TORONTO BLACK PRIDE
July 29 - 31, 2005

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August 3 - 7, 2005

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August 3 - 5

2005 Black Gay Biennial Research Summit, "Untying Tongues: Black Gay Men in Research, Service and Scholarship." Host Hotel. For more info call 718.230.0770 or www.blackgayresearch.org

Thursday, August 4

Opening Reception, Host Hotel

Friday, August 5

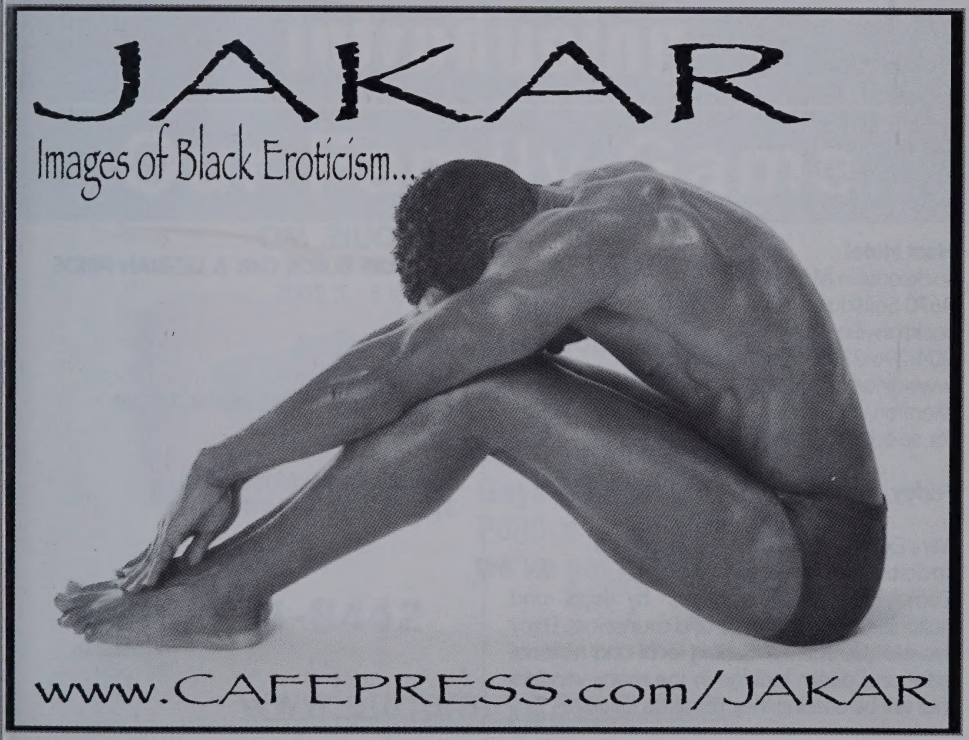
BlackOut Arts Series '05, Host Hotel

Saturday, August 6

Family Day in the Park, Commador Barry Park, Brooklyn

Sunday, August 7

Beach Party at Jacob Riis Beach



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PITTSBURGH BLACK PRIDE
August 6 - 7, 2005

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August 5 - 7, 2005

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4:00pm - 8:00pm

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Saturday, August 6

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11:00am - Dusk

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Post Beach Party
Club 3D
10:00pm-Until

Sunday, August 7

Sunday Morning Service
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The Black Pride Park Festival
Willow Branch Park
12:00pm - 6:00pm

The White Party
Club Metro
DJ Phat Kat

ST. LOUIS, MO

ST. LOUIS BLACK GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE
August 5 - 7, 2005

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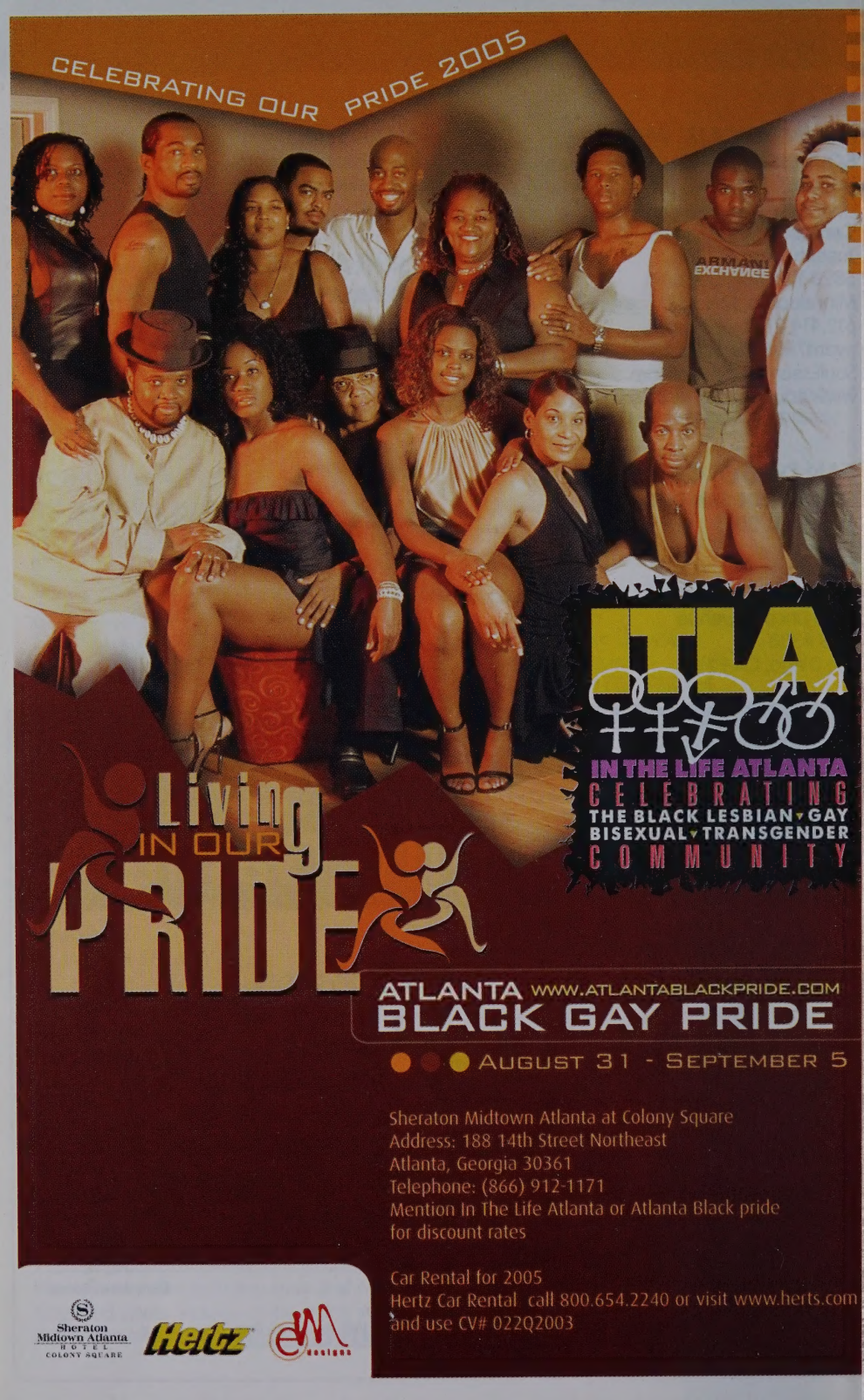
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Wednesday, August 31

See Us In The Life Film Festival Preview Night

Thursday, September 1

Candlelight Vigil

Friday, September 2
VIP Reception
Opening Ceremony
Black Pride Marketplace
Welcome Party (Club ITLA)
SpeakFire! – Erotic Open Mic Competition (Midnight)

Saturday, September 3

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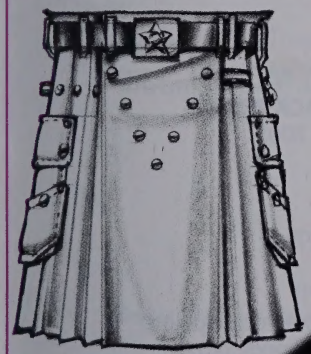

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From the creator of Winter Explosion (largest, longest-running Winter event for the BLGBT Community), comes the following NEW events for 2005:

***SUMMER EXPLOSION**: "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream..."*
Friday, July 22- Sunday, July 24, 2005, Catskill Mountains, NY
Includes: ground transportation from NY, Nwk Airport, PHL and DC (optional), 3 days/2 nights, Premium Open Bar each night, "White Linen" Party, Live Concert featuring Ledisi or Maysa, "Family Reunion" Barbecue Cook-out, Sunday Gospel Brunch and more!

***VEGAS EXPLOSION**: "East Meets West"*
Friday, Sept 18 - Monday, Sept 21, 2005, Las Vegas, NV
Includes: air & ground transportation (optional), 4 days/3 nights, Premium Open Bars, Hot "Private Parties", Live Concert featuring a national recording artist (tba by June 1), at least one Vegas show, meals, tours and other offsite activities.

***CARIBBEAN EXPLOSION**: "Funkin 4 Jamaica"*
Thursday, Nov 10 - Monday, Nov 14, 2005, Montego Bay, Jamaica
Includes: air & ground transportation (optional), 5 days/4 nights, Premium Open Bars, Hot "Private Parties", Live Concert featuring a national recording artist (tba by Sept 1), meals, tours and other offsite activities.

*For 2006, Early Reservations being accepted for the 12th Annual **WINTER EXPLOSION 06**:*
Friday, February 17 - Monday, February 20, 2006
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Sunday, September 4

Interfaith Service
Jazz Brunch
Black Pride Marketplace
Health and Wellness Fair Contd.

Monday, September 5

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October 14 - 16, 2005

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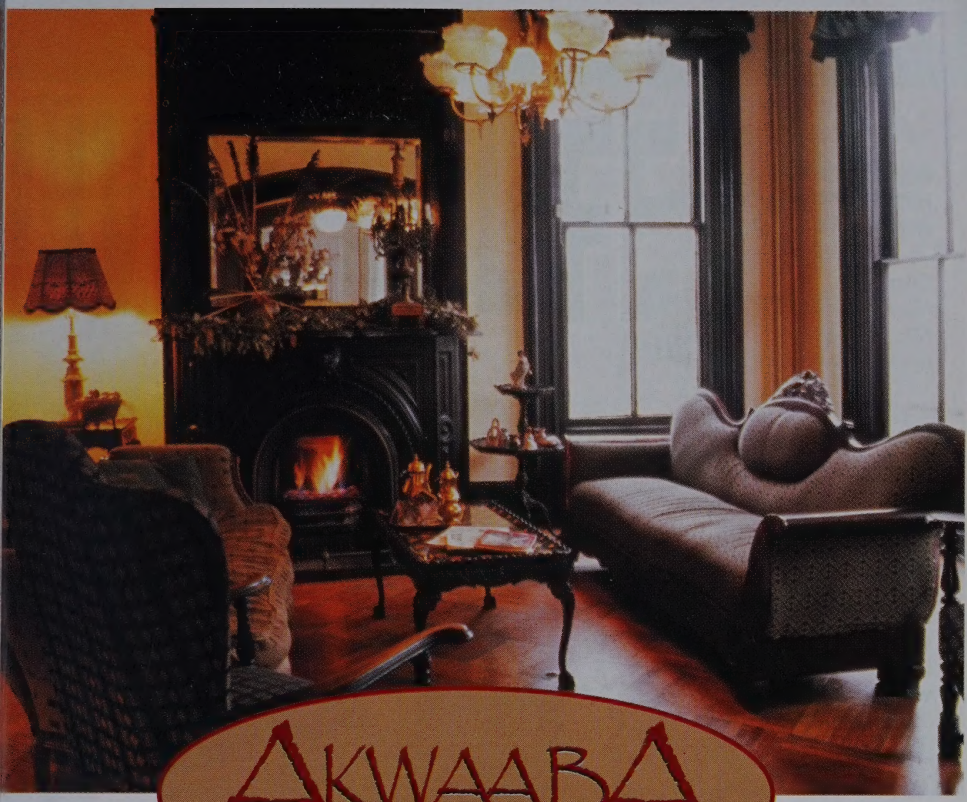

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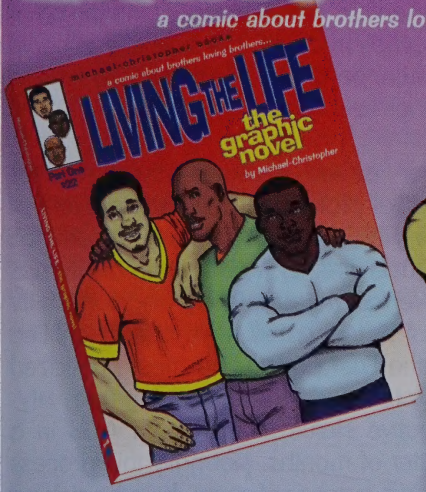

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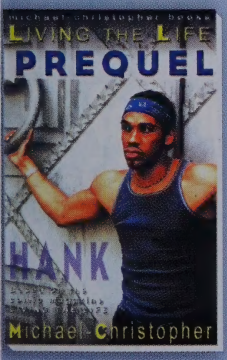

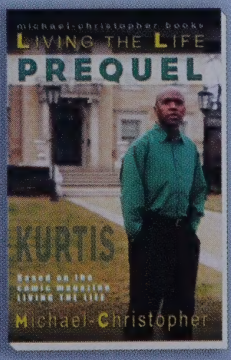

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I have an important reminder to brothers and sisters as we move into the 2005 Black Pride season. Yes, we all like to have a good time, but there are some things out there that we need to be aware of as we play.

It has been stated that more than 80% of adults are aware how HIV is transmitted from one person to another, yet many people are still having unprotected sex. Drug use, which includes alcohol, is partially responsible, as it can lower inhibitions and cognitive reasoning. Many HIV/AIDS professionals are talking about the increased usage of crystal meth (a.k.a. crystal, tina, krank, tweak or ice). Crystal methamphetamine is used to increase one's libido for longer periods of time—from five to eight hours. While using this drug and Viagra-type penile stimulants, more people are going to sex parties and having uninhibited sex with multiple partners. People are using these stimulants without regard for their own health nor the health status of their partners. We don't know what the medical repercussions are of mixing these stimulants with anti-HIV medicines—not to mention alcohol, marijuana or other prescription drugs. The side effects could include paranoia, memory loss, mood swings and convulsions.

Other issues causing havoc for the medical profession are the discovery of new HIV and STD (sexually transmitted disease) strains. A new strain of HIV has proven undetectable by traditional HIV tests. (A few cases have been identified on the East Coast.) The most publicized case resulted in a man going from HIV-negative status to full-blown AIDS in a matter of months. Normally this process takes a number of years, from beginning to completion. When that man first saw the doctor, HIV was originally ruled out, but his condition continued to worsen, and he was eventually hospitalized. When the usual anti-HIV medications were administered, none of them had any effect except for one, which is usually used as a last resort. This particular case is still being studied, and your local health departments and HIV organizations will have additional information.

There is also a new STD that has hit the streets. It is a form of chlamydia, called lymphogranuloma venereum or LGV. Unlike gonorrhea, which becomes evident in 4 to 7 days, chlamydia takes much longer to show symptoms. The scary thing about this particular STD is its ability to disfigure sexual organs, produce swollen glands in the colon and ulcers in the groin.

I'm not saying you need to stop having sex: I'm saying you need to protect yourselves. I cannot overemphasize the importance of taking time to learn more about the people you are hitting it with. Turn the lights on before getting busy. Take a shower together and give your partner a massage. Even "play doctor" a little and examine his or her body. This will give you the opportunity to look at their whole body for sores, scabs or anything that may not make you feel comfortable. Talk about your HIV status, and inquire about their status, before you engage in sex. Just because someone has a great body does not mean that they are not HIV-positive. HIV is on the inside of someone, not the outside, and you cannot tell who has the virus by looking at a person. Use a condom whenever you have penetrative sex. If you go to a sex party and condoms and lube are not provided, you may want to rethink why you are there. If they don't care enough to help protect you, you may not want to give them your money, time or body. Many local organizations are partnering with the Pride celebrations and are providing condoms for many of the events, so you can get them free if you cannot afford to buy them.

So folks, enjoy the Pride parties from coast to coast, north to south and internationally. Have fun, see the sights and sample the local and visiting delicacies, if you choose, but take care of yourself and be proud of who you are. If you pick up an STD or get HIV, then how much fun did you really have? Until we communicate again, take care of yourself, your blessings and someone else. Aché!

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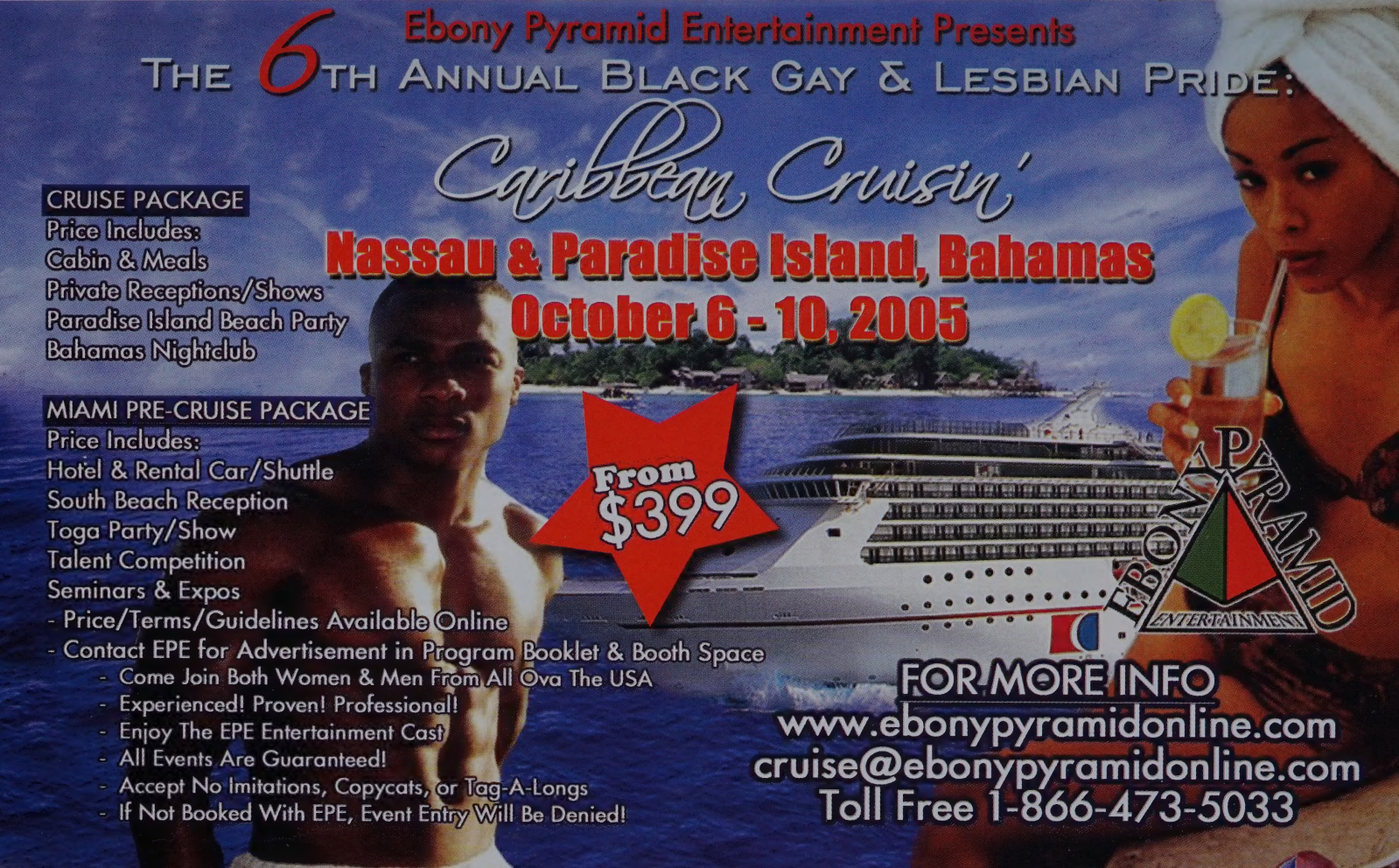
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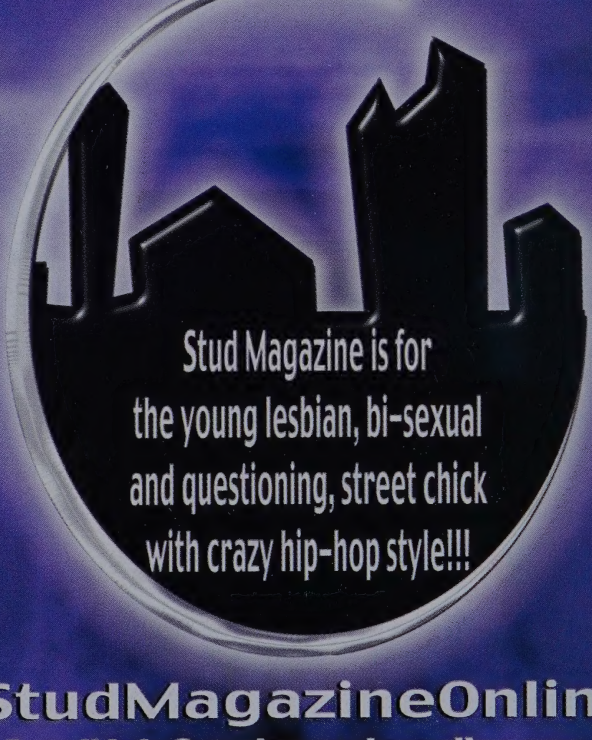

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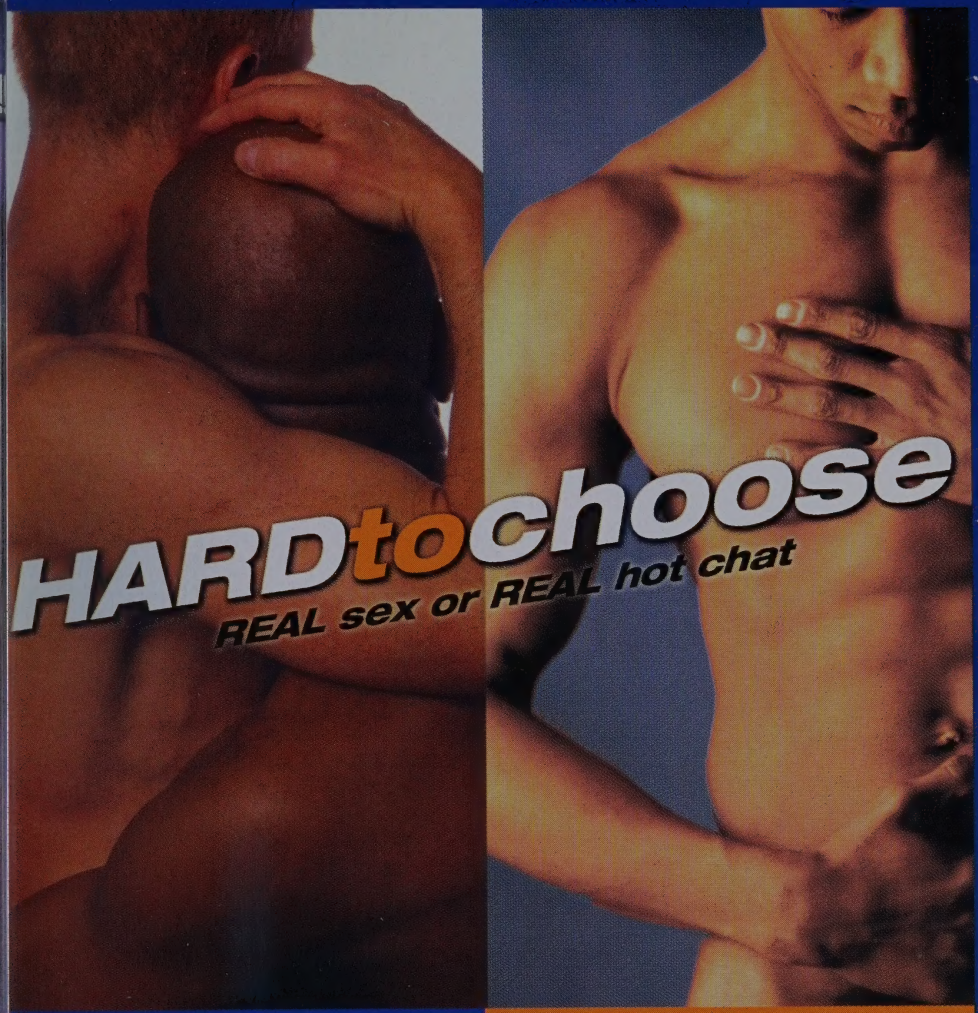

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